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SUBJECT: REPORT FROM JORDAN OF IMPENDING MIDEAST VISIT BY
SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: BEIRUT 7516

1. EMBASSY CAN FIND ABSOLUTELY NO SUBSTANCE LOCALLY IN
REPORT IN REFTEL FROM SYRIAN JOURNALISTS SELVA OSTUANY
ALLEGING THAT "HIGH JORDANIAN SOURCES" INDICATED
SECRETARY KISSINGER, "WOULD VISIT MIDEAST THIS MONTH
BRINGING PROPOSAL FOR ISRAELI-GOLAN WITHDRAWAL AND
WEST BANK WITHDRAWAL FROM JORDAN RIVER" IN FACT
THE SAME JOURNALISTS TRIED THIS STORY OUT ON USIS/
EMBASSY AMMAN AND WE DISMISSED IT AS WILDLY IMPLAUSIBLE.

2. BASED ON BACKGROUND DETAILS, HE PROVIDED WE DOUBT
THAT JOURNALIST COULD HAVE HAD ACCESS TO HIGH
JORDANIAN FIGURES SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN. FIRST
QUEEN MOTHER AT WHOSE HAND JOURNALISTS ALLEGEDLY
OBTAINED INFO DOES NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE OUTSIDE QUESTS.
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SECONDLY CHIEF OF STAFF BIN SHAKER IS EXTREMELY LIGHT

DRINKER AND EMINENTLY DISCREET AROUND JOURNALISTS.
THIRDLY IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY A JOURNALIST COULD HAVE
HAD SUCH GREE ACCESS TO CROWN PRINCE, CHIEF OF STAFF
AND QUEEN MOTHER DURING BUSY SCHEDULE OF ASSAD VISIT.

3. ONLY MOTIVE WE CAN ASCRIBE TO THIS PLOY WAS THAT
JOURNALIST TRIED TO USE IT AS MEANS OF ELICITING INFO FROM
KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES ON WHAT THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY
ON MIDEAST ISSUE REALLY IS. JUDGING FROM LACK OF FOLLOW-UP
STORIES ON ISSUE, WE ASSUME STRINGER WAS UNSUCCESSFUL
IN ATTAINING THIS OBJECTIVE.
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